

REMARKS

Claims 20-36 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-19 and 37-40 were previously cancelled. With this Response, Applicant amended claims 20, 27-28, and 33-35. Applicant has added new claims 41-44. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and do not introduce new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicates that the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 11, 2004 failed to comply with all the formalities of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1) and was placed in the application file, but that the information disclosed therein was not considered. Accordingly, Applicant is filing herewith a new Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1). Consideration of this IDS is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – Independent Claims

Independent claims 20, 27, and 35 were rejected by the Office Action as obvious, and independent claim 34 was rejected as anticipated. While Applicant respectfully traverses, in order to expedite prosecution Applicant has amended these independent claims to add the limitation from original claims 27 and 33 that the aquatic life form which the claimed article is configured to visually reproduce is a coral. The Office Action did not reject either dependent claims 27 and 33 in light of any references which teach an article configured to visually reproduce a coral. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, claims 20, 27, 34, and 35 are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the claims as amended be allowed to pass to issue.

Claim Rejections – Dependent Claims

All pending dependent claims were rejected by the Office Action as obvious in light of various combinations of references. While Applicant respectfully traverses, in order to expedite prosecution, all independent claims from which the pending dependent claims depend have been amended and narrowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending dependent claims are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be allowed to pass to issue.

New Claims 41-44

Because Applicant has moved one of the limitations from claims 27 and 33 into the independent claims 20, 27, 34, and 35 as noted above, and because the Office Action rejected claims 27 and 33 in light of a reference (Willinger) which the Office Action asserts teaches a sea plant, the remaining limitations of claims 27 and 33 have been moved to new independent claims 41-44. New claims 41-44 follow the format of original independent claims 20, 27, 34, and 35, with the added remaining limitations from claims 27 and 33. In effect, claims 41-44 claim subject matter which was not rejected by the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 41-44 are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be allowed to pass to issue.



CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 20-36 and 41-44 be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-1200.

Additional fees are required for this amendment due to additional independent claims added. The required fees are submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1597.

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